# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

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Football League Matches
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that Indian Football Federation has discontinued with the I-League and has decided to hold the National (Rashtriya) League under the banner of ISL;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to prepare good football players and to continue with the famous Santosh Trophy Championship?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a)&(b): As per information provided by All India Football Federation (AIFF) I-League has not been discontinued, however, AIFF has initiated discussions regarding restructuring of the I-League with various stake holders.
(c) Development of a sport is the responsibility of the concerned National Sport Federation (NSF) and the State Governments, as 'sport' is a state subject. Government supplements the efforts of the NSF by providing financial assistance for various activities. AIFF has informed that action has been initiated by them for preparation of good football players by youth and grass-root development. Government has provided funds to AIFF for training of players abroad. The Santosh Trophy Football Tournament is being played every year.
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